

DM-526

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 28 November 1956

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory,  
Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Bissell,  
Sheldon (part of mtg.), General Truscott, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

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a) Noted that during his trip [redacted] yesterday he had an opportunity to have conversations [redacted] and commented he was most favorably impressed with all of these people. The Director also noted that [redacted] the opinion that CIA in a great many instances weakens its recruiting possibilities in view of our security regulations and in particular ~~the fact~~ that "the young married men are not allowed to discuss their day's business in any way, shape or form but rather must restrict themselves to the weather". The Director went on to say [redacted] that we lose people as a result of the time it takes to obtain clearances, and in this connection remarked he (DCI) had felt for some time that Security is too restrictive in approving outside contacts which our people wish to make in the conduct of their daily business. Col. White and Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that in most cases Security does not prohibit contacts but rather furnishes any derogatory information on the person to be contacted as a flag, thus permitting our people to act accordingly. Mr. Kirkpatrick went on to say that in his opinion [redacted] is in all probability bending too far backward in not permitting its people to get in touch with doubtful characters and at the Director's request, undertook, together with Col. White, to look into the above. Mr. Kirkpatrick also noted that he received an eight page letter [redacted] expressing his views on our security procedures.

b) Reported that [redacted] whom he had seen in New York, had passed on to him [redacted] report which Mr. Dulles gave to Mr. Wisner for his comments, noting his intention of taking this report up at the OCB. The Director also said he thought that the guidance we furnish RFE is too long and complicated.

General Cabell:

Reported that he attended a conference at the White House yesterday afternoon on the Hungarian Refugee situation and

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it was made plain that the U.S. is lagging behind other countries in arranging for these refugees to enter the U.S. He stated it had been agreed that 25,000 would be allowed to enter immediately and would be processed after entry. Mr. Bissell noted he thought now was a golden opportunity for CIA to take the lead in organizing these Hungarian refugees into a solid body of opposition to the Communist regime. Mr. Amory commented on a message he had seen indicating that a Hungarian General and 10,000 Freedom fighters were located in the mountain area of Hungary and suggested that consideration should be given to furnishing these people with arms, ammunition, food, clothing, etc. The Director and Mr. Helms said they had not seen this message and Mr. Amory undertook to locate it.

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